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In re Application of:)
MASANORI WATANUKI)
Application No.: 10/665,207) Group Art Unit: 2655
Filed: September 22, 2003) Examiner: Unknown
For: PLAYBACK APPARATUS AND)
ACCESS METHOD OF)
PLAYBACK APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document on the attached listing. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicant attaches a copy of the listed document. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on the attached form.

The document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in the attached Notification of Reasons for Rejection from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding Japanese Patent Application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Notification of Reasons for

Rejection. A copy of the Notification of Reasons for Rejection is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

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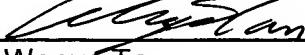
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Respectfully submitted,

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